

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to read as indicated herein.

1. (Currently amended) Supporting device for a portable device, ~~in particular a device for measuring or testing, preferably components of electrical or optical networks,~~ comprising:

- a supporting plate, ~~which is an integral part of or may be attached to the device;~~
- a supporting frame, ~~which~~ having (a) a first end that can be mounted on a base on one end and which on the other, and (b) a second end is arranged adjustable on at least one adjustably arranged in a sliding guide located at the said supporting frame plate; and
- ~~at least one a~~ lever, which is pivoting having (a) a first end pivotally mounted on one end at the at said supporting frame between its ends said first end and said second end of said supporting frame, basically around a first swivel-shaft axis running parallel to the said base, and which is on the other end pivoting (b) a second end pivotally mounted on the said supporting plate below the said sliding guide around a second swivel-shaft axis running parallel to the said first swivel-shaft axis,
- ~~whereas the~~ wherein said sliding guide has at least one a locking recess along the sliding edges an edge bordering the said supporting plate of the device, in which and wherein the end of the said second end of said supporting frame guided by the sliding guide is movable along said sliding guide to vary a distance between said second end of said supporting frame and said first end of said lever, and engages positive fit in order said locking recess to support the base plate said portable device.

2. (Currently amended) Supporting device according to claim 1, ~~wherein the end of the said second end of said supporting frame arranged in the sliding guide is pivoting is pivotally mounted around a third swivel-shaft which axis that runs parallel to the said first swivel-shaft axis and is adjustably arranged adjustable perpendicular-perpendicularly to the said first swivel-shaft axis, along the said supporting plate.~~

3. (Currently amended) Supporting device according to claim 1,

wherein the sliding guide and Kinematics developed between supporting plate, supporting frame and lever are selected in such a manner that the said supporting frame can be adjusted to a maximum position; in which the said supporting frame rests on or with an inside on the with a first side of said supporting frame on said base, and in which the

wherein said supporting plate, with a supporting area which is arranged above the said sliding guide, rests on an outside a second side of the said supporting frame, and in which the end of the supporting frame which is turned away from the sliding guide does not or only insignificantly overlap the supporting area.

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4. (Currently amended) Supporting device according to claim 1, wherein the governing point said first end of the said lever is arranged closer to the said second end of the said supporting frame which is guided by the sliding guide than to the said first end of the said supporting frame which is turned away from the sliding guide.

5. (Currently amended) Supporting device according to claim 1, wherein the sliding guide and Kinematics developed between supporting plate, supporting frame and lever are selected in such a manner that the said supporting frame can be adjusted to a "not in use" position; in which the said supporting frame rests with its inside a first side of said supporting frame on a reverse side of the said supporting plate facing the said supporting frame in which the, and wherein said lever runs mostly parallel to the inside said first side of the said supporting frame and mostly parallel to the reverse said side of the said supporting plate, between the two of them said supporting plate and said supporting frame.

6. (Currently amended) Supporting device according to claim 5, wherein the said supporting frame contains at least one recess on it's interior side, in has a side with a recess into which the said lever extends in the during said "not in use" position of the supporting frame.

7. (Currently amended) Supporting device according to claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ said supporting plate ~~contains a recess in its reverse side, in~~ has a side with a recess into which the said supporting frame is arranged ~~essentially countersunk in its~~ during said "not in use" position.

8. (Currently amended) Supporting device according to claim 1, wherein said sliding guide is a first sliding guide and said lever is a first lever, and said supporting device further comprises a second sliding guide located at said supporting plate and a second lever, with an essentially U-shaped wherein said supporting frame is U-shaped with a first extension and a second extension, wherein said first lever is pivotally connected to said first extension, and said first extension is pivoted at the end to which it is connected to the supporting plate in an integrated pivotally connected to said first sliding guide, whereas each extension has a separate lever and wherein said second lever is pivotally connected to said second extension, and said second extension is pivotally connected to said second sliding guide.

9. (Currently amended) Supporting device according to claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ said supporting device is ~~designed as an integral part of the~~ said portable device.

10. (Currently amended) Supporting device according to claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ said supporting device is ~~designed as a separate component of the~~ said portable device.

11. (Currently amended) Supporting device according to claim 10, ~~wherein further comprising quick connectors will be used to secure the~~ said supporting device to ~~the~~ said portable device.

12. (Currently amended) Supporting device according to claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ said supporting device is ~~designed to be~~ impact resistant and/or impact absorbing.

13. (Currently amended) ~~Supporting device according to claim 1, wherein the~~ said ~~supporting device is made out of plastic.~~

14. (Currently amended) ~~Device~~ Supporting device according to claim 1, wherein said portable device is for measuring or testing components of electrical circuits or optical networks ~~with a supporting device according to claim 1.~~

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15. (Currently amended) ~~Device~~ Supporting device according to claim-14 1, wherein ~~the~~ said portable device encompasses a TDR or is designed as a TDR includes a time domain reflectometer (TDR).

16. (Currently amended) ~~Device~~ Supporting device according to ~~one of the claims 14~~ claim 1, wherein ~~the device encompasses an OTDR or is designed as an OTDR~~ said portable device includes an optical time domain reflectometer (OTDR).

17. (Currently amended) ~~Device~~ Supporting device according to claim-14 1, wherein ~~the device encompasses a WDM or is designed as a WDM or WDM tester~~ said portable device is for testing a wavelength division multiplexing (WDM)